

Program; Simplifying CLIA Regulations Relating to Accreditation, Exemption of Laboratories Under a State Licensure Program, Proficiency Testing, and Inspection [HCFA-2239-F] (RIN: 0938-AH82) received August 2, 1999, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30169(b); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

3853. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, OGC, Health Care Financing Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Program; Appeal of the Loss of Nurse Aide Training Programs [HCFA-2045-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AJ59) received August 2, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

3854. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting notification that the Department is allotting emergency funds to nine States; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

3855. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "Federal Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 1999"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Judiciary.

3856. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Act of May 13, 1954, P.L. 358 (33 U.S.C. 981, et seq.), as amended, to improve the operation, maintenance, and safety of the St. Lawrence Seaway, within the territorial limits of the United States, by establishing the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation as a performance based organization in the Department of Transportation; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Government Reform.

3857. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, OGC, Health Care Financing Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Civil Money Penalties for Nursing Homes (SNF/NF), Change in Notice Requirements, and Expansion of Discretionary Remedy Delegation [HCFA-2035-FC] received August 2, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

3858. A letter from the Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a comment on a report submitted to the Congress by the Department of Health and Human Services that are required by law and relate to Medicare payment policies; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

3859. A letter from the Commissioner, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend Title XXVIII of the Act of October 30, 1992; jointly to the Committees on Resources, the Judiciary, and Government Reform.

3860. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on Tritium Production Technology Options; jointly to the Committees on Science, Commerce, and Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 853. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for

emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitigation of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, on-budget surplus, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-198, Pt. 2). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. H.R. 853. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitigation of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when there is an on-budget surplus, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-198, Pt. 3). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 1867. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-294). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 2668. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-295). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 1922. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-296 Part 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 417. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; adversely (Rept. 106-297 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Conference. Conference report on S. 507. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-298). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ISTOOK: Committee on Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2587. A bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-299). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COMBEST: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2559. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-300). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on Conference. Conference report on S. 1059. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for de-

fense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-301). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Rules discharged. H.R. 417 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged. H.R. 1922 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 417. Referral to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Rules extended for a period ending not later than August 5, 1999.

H.R. 1922. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than August 5, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 2713. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax for certain investments in businesses located in low-income communities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself and Ms. DUNN):

H.R. 2714. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to change the rate of duty for United States travelers bringing back to the United States goods purchased abroad; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 2715. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for duty-free treatment of personal effects of participants entering the United States to participate in international athletic events, and items used in connection with such events; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. THUNE):

H.R. 2716. A bill to provide supplemental market loss payments for farm owners and producers for certain 1999 crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be